

# inflate • Breathe the Word

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Week 1 of 8

GOD IS MY AIR: In every aspect of my life, God comes first. His Word is my only authority. His Son is my only Salvation. His glory is my greatest desire. I give him the first of my every opportunity.

PRAY • BUBBLES

## FUNDAMENTAL REALITIES OF LIFE:

1. God is holy and totally **above** all other things (Genesis 1:1).
2. Humans are utterly **dependent** upon God (Genesis 2:7).
3. The bond between God and humanity is **severed** by sin (Isaiah 59:2).
4. God must do something **special** to reveal himself and breathe his life into us (Exodus 3:2).

YOU CANNOT FILL YOURSELF • BUBBLES CAN ONLY RECEIVE

If you want a full life, receive the **breath** of God.

FOR 8 WEEKS, WE ARE GOING TO FILL OUR LUNGS AND OUR SOULS WITH THE VERY BREATH OF GOD

All Scripture is God-breathed ...

2 Timothy 3:16a

## The Bible is God's Breath

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-4:5 (P. 826)

the set-up

People will be outwardly spiritual, but internally bankrupt.

People like that sway others like that, but it won't last.

THIS IS OUR WORLD TODAY! • KNOWING GOD PERSONALLY => I ALREADY DO! (are you sure?)

GP: WHERE DO YOU FIT INTO THIS WORLD? DO YOU FEEL EMPTY? POWERLESS GODLINESS?  
SO WHAT DO YOU DO?

the solution

Pay attention to what you've learned.

THE SCRIPTURES ARE YOUR ANSWER!

THE SCRIPTURES GIVE THE POWER YOU NEED • SALVATION & EQUIPPING

If you want the **breath** of God in your **life**,  
you need the **Word** of God in your **heart**.

THE WORD OF GOD GIVES US EVERYTHING WE NEED.

## Take it Home

1. Receive the **Salvation** offered in the Bible.

*Jesus: I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

John 10:9-10

*But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

John 20:31

2. Fully **equip yourself**.

ILL: THE SEATBELT IN MY JEEP BROKE • I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE • MY DAD WASN'T VERY HANDY  
ILL: YOU ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE • TIMOTHY LEARNED FROM INFANCY! • BUT YOU CAN STILL DO IT

How do I raise my kids? It's in here! • How do I talk to my boss? It's in here!

How do I choose my job? It's in here! • How should I invest my money? It's in here!

*...you took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother's milk! There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another---showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.*

2 Timothy 3:15-17 MSG

This book is not beneath you  
This book is not over your head  
This book is not out of date.  
This book is not irrelevant  
It is not too harsh.  
It is not too easy.

This book is the breath of God for you, and if you want the breath of God in your life, you need the Word of God in your heart!